

Lincoln. Juarez said, "Between individuals, as between nations, *'el respecto al derecho ajeno es la paz'*—respect for the rights of others is peace." The United States and Mexico have a relationship of respect. It is the foundation of our enduring peace and lasting friendship.

I want to thank you all again for coming to the White House to celebrate Mexico's strong and vibrant culture, its extraordinary history, our common future. May God bless the people of Mexico, and may God continue to bless the people of the United States.

Thank you for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:48 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Sara Martinez Tucker, president and chief executive officer, Hispanic Scholarship Fund; Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. Juan Jose Bremer and his wife, Marcela S. Bremer; Rosario Marin, U.S. Treasurer; Alberto R. Gonzales, Counsel to the President; Ana Maria Canseco, reporter, Univision; Pedro Fernandez, singer; Alfred Rascon, Director, Selective Service System; and former President Ernesto Zedillo and President Vicente Fox of Mexico. In his remarks, he referred to section 245(i) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act which expired April 30, 2001. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 27

During the day, from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Houston, TX, where they attended the wedding of former Presidential Aide Logan Walters. In the evening, they returned to Crawford.

April 28

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia concerning the situation in the Middle East.

April 29

In the morning, the President traveled to Albuquerque, NM. In the afternoon, he traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

April 30

In the morning, the President traveled to San Jose, CA. In the afternoon, he traveled to Santa Clara, CA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba of Nepal at the White House on May 7 to discuss key bilateral issues and Nepal's fight against Maoist terrorists.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek of Slovenia to the White House on May 17.

The White House announced that the President will attend the NATO-Russia Summit in Italy on May 28.

The President announced his intention to nominate David McQueen Laney to be a member of the Amtrak Reform Board.

May 1

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later in the morning, he met with Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore to discuss cooperation against terrorism and other regional issues. He then met with Republican House and Senate leaders to discuss the pending congressional agenda.

In the afternoon, the President met with Vice President Hu Jintao of China. Also in the afternoon, he met with House Appropriations Committee Chairman C.W. Bill Young.

The President announced his designation of Adm. David E. Jeremiah, USN (Ret.), as

the Presidential Representative for Australian-American Friendship Week, May 3–11.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House on May 8 to discuss developments in the Middle East and key bilateral issues.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a tornado on April 28.

May 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chairman Hamid Karzai of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan to discuss U.S. assistance to Afghanistan. He also had a telephone conversation with President Eduard Shevardnadze of the Republic of Georgia to express his condolences concerning the recent earthquake in Georgia, cooperation against terrorism, and issues in the Caucasus region. He then had CIA and FBI briefings.

May 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Igor Sergeyevich Ivanov of Russia to discuss arms reduction, trade issues, and issues related to NATO.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD, where, in the evening, they welcomed President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and his wife, Ana Botella.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel at the White House on May 7 to discuss developments in the Middle East and key bilateral issues.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 29

Alberto Faustino Trevino, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Susan M. Wachter, resigned.

Elias Adam Zerhouni, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, vice Harold Varmus, resigned.

Submitted May 1

Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Roger B. Andewelt, deceased.

Kyle E. McSarrow, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, vice Francis S. Blake, resigned.

Reena Raggi, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, vice Amalya L. Kearsse, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on the situation in the Middle East

Released April 29

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on terrorism and foreign policy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies